

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	30 April	Mass: 7am

Tuesday	1 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm

Wednesday	2 May	Mass: 7am

Thursday	3 May	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm

Friday	4 May	Mass: 9.30am

Saturday	5 May	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday	6 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR B 29 APRIL 2018

READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.

The **FIRST READING** tells of the trials St Paul endured after his conversion.

In the **SECOND READING** St John reflects on Jesus' commandment of love.

In the **GOSPEL** Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to show how close are the ties between Him and His disciples.



FAITH CIRCLES

Want to help transform your Parish into a place where people are known, loved, challenged and supported?

Small Groups or 'communities of communities' hold the key.

Connect is a weekly small group resource and is available for free download with a Leader's guide, weekly reflection questions for the Sunday Gospel and accompanying prayer points.

It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Marija GALINAC (Canada)

Anniversaries: Ronald STUBBS

Jane ROCHE

Ron BISHOP

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 28 Apr	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 28 Apr 6pm Mass		R Baxendale	Volunteer
Sun 29 Apr 7am Mass	M Walsh	P Gunning	A Browne
Sun 29 Apr 9am Mass	R Klaus C Carolan	A Kelly	P Cundy L Klaus
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, A McQueen, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	Holidays		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month - 10:30am
in St Joseph's room
New members welcome!

Contact: Barbara 4271 1584
or Margaret 4271 5804

St Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues 7.30pm in St Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of alternate months
7.30pm in St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

NEXT MORNING TEA

Sunday 6 May 2018

After 9am Mass - St Joseph's room

Helpers: Jan and Fiona.



PERSONAL CARE KIT

The Parish Pastoral Council has compiled a basic personal care kit for use in and around our church. It is located in the northern confessional next to the water dispenser. There are a number of information posters (below) about the kit and what it contains situated as follows:

- First left-hand side support pillar when entering side door of church.
- On door of small cupboard on left-hand side of aisle when entering front door of church.
- Door of northern confessional.
- Wall above location of basic personal care kit in northern confessional.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the contents of this basic personal care kit and make use of its contents when necessary.

For Serious Matters Ring 000

Basic Personal Care Kit

2 Parts

For Serious Matters Ring 000

Bucket

(Lined with plastic bag for quick removal of contents)

- Absorbent paper
- Disinfectant
- Sick bags
- Cold pack
- Infectious waste absorbent
- Cello paper wipes
- Rubber gloves

First Aid Kit

- Cello paper wipes (x6)
- Gauze pads (x3)
- Sealable bag contents
 - Saline (x5 tubes)
 - Alcohol swabs (12)
 - Cotton tips (x22)
 - Cotton balls (x12)
- Fabric band aid strips (x50 box)
- Rubber gloves (x3 pair)
- Tape (x1 roll)
- Scissors
- Dettol (x1 botl)
- Crepe bandages (x3)
- Safety pins (x6)
- CPR face shield (x1)

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Gospel Reflection



*The
vine
and the
branches...*

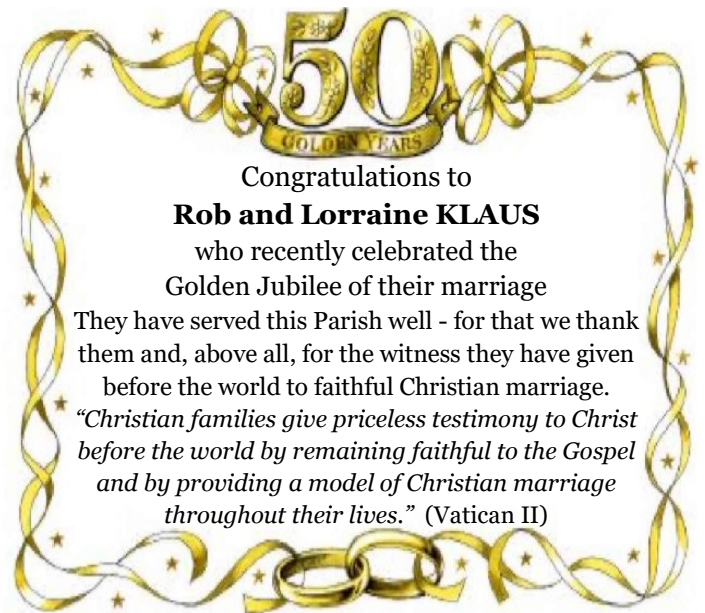
*Lord, you said:
"I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Separated from me
you can do nothing,
but united with me
you will bear much fruit."*

*Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us.
And thank you for the bond that exists among us
because of our union with you.*

*Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches
to share with one another.*

Grant that we may never be separated from you.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to

Rob and Lorraine KLAUS

who recently celebrated the
Golden Jubilee of their marriage

They have served this Parish well - for that we thank
them and, above all, for the witness they have given
before the world to faithful Christian marriage.

*"Christian families give priceless testimony to Christ
before the world by remaining faithful to the Gospel
and by providing a model of Christian marriage
throughout their lives."* (Vatican II)

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Mother's Day raffle tickets will be sold on

— **Sunday 5 May and Sunday 13 May** —

and will be drawn by Father after 9am Mass
on Mother's Day 13 May 2018





**“Let no weariness or dryness
make you discouraged.”**

St Mary of the Cross — 1876

MEN'S WEEKEND

5-6 May 2018

Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong

menALIVE – This is your last chance to register for the menALIVE weekend for men that is happening VERY SOON (5-6 May) at the Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend.

For last minute registration or inquiries, contact Ian Boorman on 0427 006 021 or email Jude Hennessy at jude.hennessy@dow.org.au



MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

St Mary Star of the Sea College

6.30pm for 7pm Friday 11 May 2018

Villa D'Oro Function Centre

39-41 Flinders Street, Wollongong

All ex-students, Mothers of ex-students, Mothers of present students and Friends of the College are warmly invited to attend our annual Mother's Day Dinner. Pre-dinner drinks, sumptuous dinner, lucky door prizes, silent auction and great raffle prizes to be won.

Tickets \$65.00

Bookings need to be made by Friday 4 May 2018.

For more information, please contact Marie Pulford or Maree McCarthy at the College on 4228 6011.



FRENCH MASS

The Mass in FRENCH is celebrated at St John's Parish, Campbelltown, every second Sunday of the month.

The next one will be on Mother's Day

Sunday 13 May at 6pm

The celebrant is Fr Jan Chrzczonowicz

Mobile No 0412 786 245

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018 –

This week on the Journey Catholic Radio, our Gospel reflection about the “Vines and the Branches” is spoken to us by Fr Steven Varney. The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, questions us about The Wrong Map, and Marilyn Rodrigues encourages us to Pray, Hope and Don't Worry. The music is the thread that helps us connect our show to you, and with this, we create a show about faith, hope, love and life.

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www.itunes.jcr.org.au

where you can listen any time

and subscribe to weekly

shows by email.



PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE



Friday 25 May to Saturday 26 May 2018

A walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia.

You are warmly welcome either day or both days.

BENEFITS: Mass, Prayer, Hymns, Exercise, Spectacular Scenery, Joyful Fellowship and Blessings in Abundance.

FRIDAY: 9.30am Mass at Kiama Catholic Church, walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for Benediction at 3pm. Shuttlebus back to Kiama Church or sleep overnight.

SATURDAY: 8am Mass Gerringong Catholic Church, walk to Shoalhaven Heads for lunch at 1pm. Shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to Culburra Church for 6pm Mass.

BYO lunch and water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday.

Further information:

Sue Hill 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista (02) 4261 2500

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Australian Bishops on the Economy

Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty.

A VOCATION VIEW

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches one again. How about you?

**Please contact Fr Richard Healey
Vocations Director
on 0401 621 591 or via email at
priesthood@dow.org.au**



People give some odd reasons for not attending Mass.

Could some of these reasons be used to explain why they had decided not to wash?

TEN REASONS WHY I DON'T WASH

1. I was made to wash as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites. They reckon they're cleaner than other people.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is right.
4. I used to wash, but got bored and stopped.
5. I only wash on special occasions — Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
8. I don't have time to wash.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.

